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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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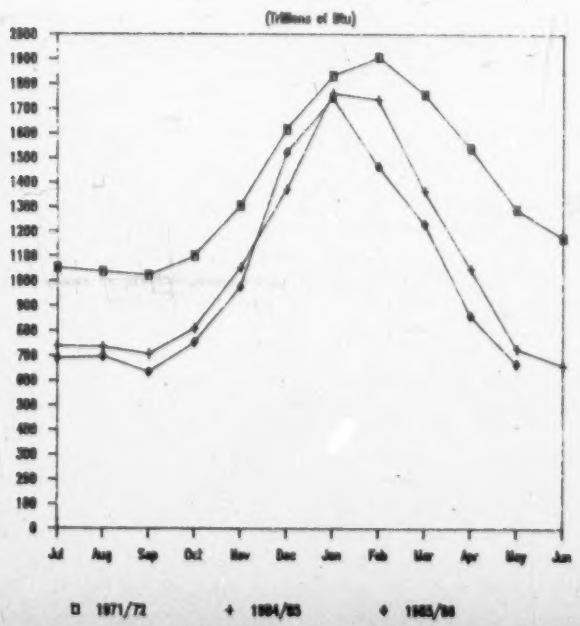
Residential and commercial sales increased while industrial and electric generation sales decreased in May, 1986 compared with last year. Total utility sales were down from 731.8 trillion Btu in May, 1985 to 670.0 trillion Btu in May, 1986. Transportation volumes to end-users were up 17.2 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	May			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1986	1985	%Change[1]	1986	(% Change) Last Period	1986 Forecast[2]	1985[P]	% Change
Residential	235.1	214.2	+ 9.8	2,669.7	- 3.6	4,503.8	4,547.8	- 1.0
Commercial	124.2	119.0	+ 4.4	1,298.6	- 3.2	2,347.2	2,363.4	- 0.7
Industrial	216.3	281.2	- 23.1	1,479.4	- 16.4	3,491.1	3,712.1	- 5.9
Elec. Gen.	86.7	110.1	- 21.2	452.1	- 34.5	1,665.9	1,823.0	- 8.6
Other	7.7	7.3	-	71.3	-	139.9	141.8	-
Total Sales	670.0	731.8	- 8.4	5,971.1	- 10.2	12,147.9	12,588.1	- 3.5
Transportation	145.7	124.3	+ 17.2	717.9	+ 41.7	N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	815.7	856.1	- 4.7	6,689.0	- 6.5	N/A	N/A	

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.

TOTAL MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



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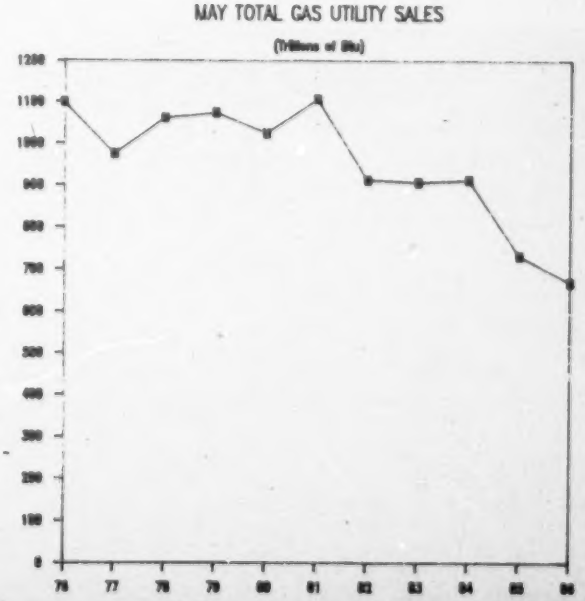

RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - MAY
(Thousands of Units)

	1986	1985	% Change '85 vs '86
Domestic Ranges			
Gas	152.4	143.4	+ 6.3
Electric	257.4	260.5	- 1.2
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	65.2	61.2	+ 6.5
Electric	243.6	245.9	- 0.9
Water Heaters			
Gas	269.6	278.0	- 3.0
Electric	252.9	271.6	- 6.9
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	151.0	115.2	+ 31.1
Electric	33.5	34.4	- 2.6
Oil	9.1	6.1	+ 48.7
Boilers			
Gas	8.5	9.2	- 7.8
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 38.6
Oil	5.6	5.6	+ 0.7

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - MAY

	1986	1985	% Change '85 vs '86
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	189.7	170.2	+ 11.5
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	569.8	590.3	- 3.5
Electricity	357.8	358.4	- 0.2
Fuel Oil	484.6	627.0	- 22.7
Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	51.8	56.6	- 8.4
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.94	6.34	- 6.3
Commercial	5.17	5.54	- 6.7
Industrial	3.64	4.26	- 14.6
Electric Generation	2.72	4.01	- 32.2
Total	4.61	5.04	- 8.5
Carriage Volumes[3] (Trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	145.7	124.3	+ 17.2
For Ultimate Consumers	47.1	36.9	+ 27.6
For Resale	373.2	219.6	+- 69.9
Total	566.0	380.8	+ 48.6

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.[4]	Elec. Gen.	Other
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.895	N/A	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	N/A	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	N/A	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	N/A	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	N/A	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.408	N/A	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.355	N/A	4.869
1985[P]	May	5.138	6.003	5.536	4.404	4.164	4.771
	Jun.	5.136	6.007	5.531	4.394	4.151	4.763
	Jul.	5.125	6.005	5.524	4.378	4.100	4.745
	Aug.	5.108	6.004	5.518	4.358	4.028	4.711
	Sep.	5.099	6.000	5.507	4.346	3.976	4.700
	Oct.	5.084	5.988	5.492	4.326	3.934	4.680
	Nov.	5.059	5.972	5.469	4.297	3.886	4.685
	Dec.	5.019	5.912	5.418	4.258	3.855	4.644
1986[P]	Jan.	4.975	5.846	5.385	4.223	3.816	4.619
	Feb.	4.939	5.826	5.355	4.178	3.777	4.609
	Mar.	4.911	5.793	5.317	4.135	3.720	4.572
	Apr.	4.885	5.777	5.289	4.091	3.631	4.556
	May	4.860	5.758	5.270	4.049	3.555	4.527

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.& Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1984	May	5.08	6.14	5.55	4.34	4.37	4.25
	Jun.	5.00	6.55	5.68	4.31	4.39	4.17
	Jul.	4.95	6.95	5.67	4.34	4.35	4.32
	Aug.	4.93	7.04	5.55	4.32	4.37	4.25
	Sep.	5.03	7.03	5.63	4.36	4.39	4.30
	Oct.	5.05	6.56	5.58	4.31	4.35	4.24
	Nov.	5.15	6.01	5.47	4.37	4.40	4.29
	Dec.	5.31	5.87	5.52	4.45	4.53	4.22
1985[P]	Jan.	5.23	5.77	5.53	4.31	4.44	3.98
	Feb.	5.22	5.67	5.43	4.36	4.51	3.90
	Mar.	5.19	5.84	5.54	4.30	4.43	3.98
	Apr.	5.13	5.93	5.63	4.29	4.37	4.14
	May	5.04	6.34	5.54	4.19	4.26	4.01
	Jun.	4.95	6.69	5.58	4.15	4.24	4.02
	Jul.	4.74	6.89	5.48	4.00	4.10	3.87
	Aug.	4.61	6.99	5.38	3.87	4.06	3.64
	Sep.	4.83	6.89	5.36	4.00	4.21	3.71
	Oct.	4.81	6.30	5.30	3.96	4.08	3.73
	Nov.	4.83	5.80	5.17	3.92	4.05	3.66
	Dec.	4.95	5.49	5.16	4.01	4.11	3.73
1986[P]	Jan.	4.92	5.41	5.19	3.95	4.12	3.50
	Feb.	4.96	5.51	5.23	3.87	4.07	3.13
	Mar.	4.94	5.58	5.22	3.75	3.97	2.78
	Apr.	4.82	5.74	5.29	3.55	3.81	2.59
	May	4.61	5.94	5.17	3.38	3.64	2.72

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.
[2]1986 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1986 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (both industrial only and electric generation) is also based on available 1986 monthly data with the remaining months of 1986 heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.
[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.
[4]Includes electric generation before 1985.